# FACILITIES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PAR

# **Giant Forest Area**

### GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400' (1950m) elevation. Home of the world's biggest trees, it offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and the map on page 12. See Highlights on page 6.

- Giant Forest Museum (NPS): Daily 9am-6pm through 6/28 then 7am to 7pm. Exhibits about the Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 1-559-565-4480. No payphone; closest are at Lodgepole & Wolverton (don't rely on cell phones).
- Beetle Rock Nature Center (NPS): Daily 6/28 through 8/17, 10am -4pm. Across the Generals Highway from the Giant Forest Museum. Stop in, one and all!

### CRYSTAL CAVE

One of the park's main highlights! See page 3 for details and schedule.

# Lodgepole Area

#### LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700' (2040 m) elevation. A few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For near-by picnic areas see page 3 and the map on page 12.

### **INFORMATION (NPS)**

- Wilderness Permits: Required for backcountry overnight trips. Issued inside Lodgepole Visitor Center. See page 4 for details. 1-559-565-3766.
- Visitor Center: Daily 7am-5pm. Bears of the Sierra movie (captioned); exhibits on geology & forest life; books; maps; first aid, local wilderness permits. Crystal Cave tickets sold 8am-4pm. Pay phone. 1-559-565-4436.

### FOOD, SHOPS & OTHER SERVICES (DNCPR)

- Lodgepole Market, Gift Shop (DNCPR): 8am 8pm through 8/31. Groceries, pre-made sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, ice cream, film, souvenirs.
- Watchtower Deli (DNCPR): Daily 11am-6pm through 8/31. Sandwiches, salads.
- Harrison BBQ & Grill (DNCPR): Daily 8am 7:45pm.
- Laundry (DNCPR): Same hours as Market. Last load in I hour before closing.
- Showers (DNCPR): Daily 8am -ipm & 3 -7:45pm.
- Post Office: Weekdays 8am-ipm & 2-4pm. i-559-565-3678. Lobby with stamp machine. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.
- Lodgepole Campground (NPS): Open all year. Details on page II.
- Pay Telephones: Outside visitor center & market (cell-phone signals are usually poor).

### WOLVERTON MEADOWS

7200' (2160 m) elevation. North of the Sherman Tree 2 miles (3.2km).

Wolverton BBQ (DNCPR): Nightly through 8/31, weather permitting. All-you-can-eat barbeque, served outdoors at 6pm (time adjusts with sunset).

### Wuksachi

#### LODGE & DINING ROOM (DNCPR)

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Year-round center for lodging & food services in Sequoia; 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the General Sherman Tree.

- Dining Room: Daily, 7-10am, 11:30am-2:30pm, 5-10pm. Dinner reservations required. Box lunches available. 1-559-565-4070. Lounge daily 4:30-10pm.
- Gift Shop: Daily 8am-8pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, snacks.
- Wuksachi Lodge: See page 10 for details. Front desk 24 hours.
- Pay Telephones: At main lodge. Cell-phone signals are often poor.

**Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts** and the National Park Foundation have made it easy for Wuksachi Lodge guests to contribute to these parks. Ask about the Guest **Donation Program when you check in!** 

# Foothills Area

500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. Oaks, chaparral, & river canyons; hot summers & snow-free winters; & the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is at Ash Mountain.

- Visitor Center (NPS): Daily 8am-6pm. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits. 1-559-565-3135.
- Potwisha Campground (NPS): Year-round. Details on page II.
- Pay Telephones (cell phone signals are usually poor): Foothills Visitor Center near front door, Potwisha Campground, Hospital Rock Picnic Area (on restroom wall).

# Mineral King Area

### The road to this area is open late May to November 1.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. A subalpine valley at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road. No RVs, buses, or trailers, please. No electricity or gasoline. Be aware: In spring & early summer, marmots chew on hoses and wiring in parked cars in the valley.

- Ranger Station (NPS): Daily 8am-4pm. Information, wilderness permits. Check for schedule of ranger programs.
- Pay Telephones: Cold Springs Campground, Sawtooth parking area. Cell phone signals are usually poor.
- Silver City Mountain Resort: Open through 10/18. Cabins, chalets, showers, small store (gifts, limited supplies, ice, no gasoline, no fishing licenses). Restaurant/bakery: 8am-8pm Thurday-Monday, 8am-5pm Tuesday-Wednesday pie & coffee only). Pay telephone. www.silvercityresort.com; 1-559-561-3223.
- Camping (NPS): No RVs or trailers. Details: page II.

# FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

Check local bulletin boards and visitor centers for times, topics, and additional programs! Limited programs on 7/22 & 8/7.

#### IN THE GIANT FOREST & LODGEPOLE:

**Sherman Tree Talk -** Daily 10:30am, 4:30 pm; 30 minutes. Learn about the largest tree on the planet and its secrets for survival! Meet at base of the tree. Plan at least 20 minutes to walk from parking lot. **Moro Vistas -** Daily 11 am; 30 minutes. Meet on top of Moro Rock. Plan at least 15 minutes to climb the staircase!

**Critters of the Sierra -** Daily 1:30 pm; 30 minutes. Discover the animals that call Sequoia Park home. In front of Lodgepole Visitor Center.

Beetle Rock Rollick - Daily 2 pm; 1 hour. Kids! Discover a secret about Sequoia. Activities vary daily. At Beetle Rock Education Center, across road from Giant Forest Museum.

**Realm of Giants -** Daily 2:30 pm; 2 hours. Explore the world's largest trees. Meet in front of Giant Forest Museum.

Lodgepole Evening Campfire - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday; 1 hour. In the small campfire circle in the campground parking lot while mainamphitheater is being renovated.

### IN THE FOOTHILLS:

Wild About Bears - Daily 10am; 20-minute talk. Come to the Foothills Visitor Center.

Ranger's Choice - Daily 2pm; 20-minute talk. Meet at the Foothills Visitor Center. Check there for topics.

Junior Ranger Program - Sunday, 9am; 1-1/2 hours. Grab the kids and meet at Potwisha Campground Amphi-theater!

Potwisha Evening Program - Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8pm; 1 hour. Potwisha Campground Amphitheater.

Amphitheater Point Talk - Daily 10am; 20-minute talk. Meet at Amphitheater Point Overlook on Generals Highway.

Hospital Rock Talk - Daily 1pm; 30 minutes. Meet at Hospital Rock Picnic Area.

Plan Your Visit - Daily. Morning map talks at the Foot-hills Visitor Centerwill orient you to specific park areas.